

Dear FCC Commissioners,

XM Satellite radio has revolutionized my experience of getting information in my car. So positively that I happily pay for the service. I already have two XM Radios, and am about to add my third XM Radio in about a week.

For me, the "Instant Traffic and Weather" feature is invaluable for navigating the streets and freeways of Los Angeles. Frankly, with their announcements of drive times for numerous point to point freeway distances is spectacular, and a feature not offered by any other broadcast station in Los Angeles. KFWB, one of the leading NEWS stations in Los Angeles used to give traffic reports ?on the ones? every ten minutes, but now that they broadcast Dodgers baseball, those reports disappear for the length of the game. But! With my trusty XM Radio, I?m never more than a few seconds away from a complete Los Angeles metropolitan area traffic report.

Please speak to Larry Olson at the FCC, whom I have served with at numerous ITU meetings in Geneva. I have enthusiastically spoken to him several times about my love of XM Satellite radio and how fabulous it is, even when just receiving it in the LA area, and not even taking advantage of the seamless cross country reception.

By the way, I travel quite a bit for the Warner Bros. Studio, and have used the Instant Traffic and Weather channels to check out the weather of Chicago, Washington, DC, and San Diego prior traveling there.

Please don?t compromise the spectacular service being offered by satellite radio. Instead, lets encourage local broadcasters to improve what they are offering.

Yours truly,  
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